



BECOME A MENTOR

Student Sponsor Partners (SSP) is a New York City nonprofit that harnesses the power of quality high school education and mentorship to help students escape the cycle of poverty and reach their highest potential. Student Sponsor Partners is looking for New York City-based volunteers to mentor students throughout high school and see their impact firsthand.

Mentorship is an integral component of student success. These relationships often last long beyond high school graduation – they are bonds that last a lifetime. Due to the pandemic, we can't predict what this or the next school year will look like. However, one thing we know for sure is our students need mentors like you to help them acclimate to the academic and social challenges of high school at this uncertain time.

Role of Mentors

Student Sponsor Partners mentors make a positive impact in students' lives by supporting their mentees as they face new challenges, pushing them to expand their horizons, and encouraging them to set themselves up for success in high school and beyond.

Commitment

Student Sponsor Partners mentors are typically required to meet with their students in person at least 6 times per year and maintain phone contact monthly, but during the COVID-19 pandemic, we're asking pairs to speak twice a month through phone and/or video chat while staying in touch via text in between.

Application Process

1. **Submit a Mentor Application:** This online form at sspny.org/mentor should take 7-10 minutes to finish.
2. **Complete a background check:** Once we receive your application, you'll be asked to consent to a background check.
3. **Watch our Virtual Mentor Training:** Learn about our programs, updated policies, and best practices especially in the current climate.
4. **Meet your mentee:** Student Sponsor Partners will search for the right student for you to mentor based on your gender, location, experiences, and personality. You'll then be virtually introduced to your mentee and their parents.

Please reach out to Mary Faddoul with any questions along the way at mfaddoul@sspny.org. Our students need mentors like you to offer support and guidance – now more than ever.

"I never realized how my life would change by having a mentor but now I get it. I have a friend in my mentor. I have a person I can reach out to when I have good news or need help with a problem. I have someone outside my family to tell me I can be and do whatever I put my mind to. I know she will always be in my life."

– Destiny, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Class of 2020

